



Commission on Aging Regular Meeting Minutes 3/3/2021

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Topic: Commission on Aging

Attendance: Betsy Mc Ilvaine (Chair), Steve Harding Sr. , Nancy Power, Lorraine Kelly, Ellen Melville, Sue Slate, Kevin McCaffrey, Patty Buchan, Ellen Tominano, Currie Engell (News Times)

Absent Kevin Emily Mc Padden, Sue Balla Jo-Ann Gargiulo,

Had Quorum and was on Zoom

No Public Comment

News Times was present, just to observe meeting

Senior Center

Zoom Programs

In person classes held with small groups

Closed Senior Center after Brookfield went into Red Zone

Tai Chi Classes on Zoom

St Patrick grab and go

Many activities in a bag

5 people in Book Club, Hesitant to be in Zoom

Writers Workshop finish in March

Pen pal program about 10 with High School seniors

Wellness Program (state grant of \$2,500 used to buy outdoor tents so to meet outside)

Social Call Program being worked on (started when pandemic started) 15 people being called Elaine Tominano very involved

Vaccines at Senior Center volunteers are playing a very key role

Social Services

Unite Connecticut to help with rent assistance

Multiple Generational families are a challenge

Renters rebate, usually used in Brooks Quarry

Food Pantry will be cut down to once a month at night, usage is going down due to increase in Food stamps, Food insecurity is not an issue in Brookfield

Low Vision meeting, use a conference call

Working on people who are isolated

Energy Assistance is winding down in another month

Farmers market, this Summer can SNAP benefits be used and coupons for Seniors still be distributed

Brooks Quarry –Joanne not at Meeting

Fish Program, we can start to ask if people are ready to drive again

New Business

Housing for Seniors is an issue in CT, employment for Seniors more of an issue, agism is an issue

Goodwill Career Center is geared toward workshops for employment for people over 50

New Senior Employment Program to be discussed for Seniors -Steve Harding will assist

Knights of Columbus offered free hot lunches to be delivered

Next Meeting 4/7/2021